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# Crop Progress & Condition Report



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 24, 2010**. Most of the central and southern counties of Mississippi experienced some rainfall this past week, but not enough to alleviate the drought conditions that persist over most of the state. Row crop harvest continues, but peanut farmers report breaking digging drills on the hard ground. Wheat planting is ahead of previous years, but without moisture the seed is not germinating. Soil moisture was rated 64 percent very short, 31 percent short, and 5 adequate.

Crop progress for week ending October 24, 2010

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cotton, open bolls	100	100	97	99
Cotton, harvested	96	92	10	69
Peanuts, harvested	92	78	5	55
Rice, harvested	100	100	75	94
Sorghum, harvested	100	100	69	92
Soybeans, harvested	98	95	59	87
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	93	87	33	77
Winter Wheat, planted	31	22	5	16
Winter Wheat, emerged	12	8	1	7

Crop condition for week ending October 24, 2010

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Livestock	4	22	46	27	1
Pasture	46	37	138	4	0

## Comments

“Fall tillage and harvest are all but through, and we are all thankful for the perfect harvesting weather. The rains over the weekend will encourage farmers to begin planting wheat.”

— Charlie Bush, Bolivar

“We received some showers of one forth to on half an inch in parts of county. We need rain to germinate winter grazing.”

— Pamela Redwine, Yalobusha

“A long awaited, and much needed, rain finally came on the night of Sunday the 24th. This should allow producers enough moisture to plant remaining winter wheat acres and help pastures.”

— Strider McCrory, Sunflower

“We received between three fourths and two and three fourth an inch of rain on Sunday. There is still some cotton to be harvested, but not much, and there should be enough moisture for wheat to be planted.”

— Lester Stephens, Washington

“It's almost time to plant wheat, but growers will likely wait until we receive enough rain to wet the soil well enough to germinate the seed. Cool season grazing has gotten so late that there will be little prospect for fall use, even if we get planted soon.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Well, just another week without even a sprinkle. Row crop harvest is complete and hay harvest is pretty much complete as well. Many livestock producers are feeding hay and have been for several weeks.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Harvesting crops is close to being finished. Fieldwork is being done with numerous break downs on tillage equipment due to the extremely dry hard soil. Many farmers are planning on planting winter wheat in the next several weeks.”

— Reid Nevins, Clay

“Rain on Sunday stopped all fieldwork. There are still some crops to be harvested, but there is not much left. Some gins have finished for the season.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“Most growers have finished harvesting; now they are planting wheat and preparing for next year.”

— Don Respass, Quitman

“All harvest is finished with the exception of a couple of late soybean fields. Cattlemen are feeding hay since the grass is long gone due to drought.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“The soybean harvest is continuing, and planted wheat is in need of a good rain.”

— Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn

“Harvest activities are over, with most irrigated yields being good or better. Non-irrigated crop yields were fair to good. Most growers have completed their fall tillage work and now they are ready for a good rain.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Some parts of county received no more than two tenths of an inch of rain last week.”

— Carolyn Conger, Covington

“It is very dry in Jefferson Davis County: rain is needed.”

— Thomas Brewer, Jefferson Davis

“We received a light sprinkle of rain here and there, but nothing to solve our moisture problems.”

— Amanda Walker, Lawrence

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending October 24, 2010

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
<b>Upper Delta</b>									
Clarksdale	84	48	66	62	4	0.00	-0.73	0	0.37
Cleveland	87	46	67	63	4	0.05	-0.71	1	0.51
Lambert 1w	88	40	66			0.00	-0.72	0	0.41
Tunica 2N	84	50	66	61	5	0.07	-0.73	1	0.19
Extreme/Average	88	40	66	61	5	0.03	-0.73	1	0.37
<b>North-Central</b>									
Batesville 2SW	86	40	66	60	6	0.00	-0.81	0	2.00
Hickory Flat	84	36	63	59	4	0.00	-0.74	0	0.80
Holly Springs	87	39	64	58	6	0.05	-0.82	1	0.16
Independence	84	40	63	59	4	0.05	-0.65	1	0.48
Oxford	87	46	66	59	7	0.00	-0.87	0	0.19
Extreme/Average	87	36	64	60	4	0.02	-0.77	0	0.73
<b>Northeast</b>									
Booneville	84	38	63	59	4	0.02	-0.75	1	0.56
Iuka	82	38	61	56	5	0.17	-0.62	1	0.47
Pontotoc Exp	84	44	65	61	4	0.00	-0.73	0	0.34
Verona	86	40	63	60	3	0.00	-0.66	0	0.45
Extreme/Average	86	38	63	59	4	0.05	-0.72	1	0.45
<b>Lower Delta</b>									
Belzoni	85	46	67	63	4	0.10	-0.79	1	0.58
Moorhead	88	51	70	64	6	0.04	-0.71	1	0.34
Rolling Fork	88	45	68	63	5	0.27	-0.65	1	0.51
Yazoo City	85	47	68	64	4	0.16	-0.83	1	0.56
Extreme/Average	88	45	68	63	5	0.14	-0.72	1	0.50
<b>Central</b>									
Canton 4N	86	41	66	62	4	0.08	-0.73	1	0.54
Carthage	86	39	63	61	2	0.03	-0.73	1	0.14
Forest 3S	85	41	65	62	3	0.10	-0.76	1	0.28
Kosciusko	83	41	63	62	1	0.01	-0.85	1	0.46
Winona 5E	85	39	63	58	5	0.12	-0.62	1	0.66
Extreme/Average	86	39	64	61	3	0.07	-0.74	1	0.49
<b>East-Central</b>									
Aberdeen	83	42	62	60	2	0.23	-0.61	1	0.39
Columbus	86	41	65	62	3	0.00	-0.73	0	0.00
Macon	84	43	65	61	4	0.58	-0.12	1	1.45
State University	85	44	66	61	5	0.08	-0.68	1	0.63
Extreme/Average	86	41	64	61	3	0.22	-0.55	1	0.34
<b>Southwest</b>									
Crystal Springs	87	50	70	64	6	0.21	-0.49	1	0.21
Oakley Exp	86	47	68	62	6	0.00	-0.81	0	0.01
Natchez	85	46	67	65	2	3.10	2.18	1	3.35
Port Gibson 1NE	85	44	65	61	4	0.78	-0.05	1	0.78
Vicksburg	86	47	69			0.55	0.00	1	1.05
Extreme/Average	87	44	68	64	4	0.93	0.11	1	1.35
<b>South-Central</b>									
Collins	84	44	65	63	2	0.15	-0.64	1	0.15
Columbia	88	47	68	64	4	0.06	-0.71	1	0.06
Monticello	88	44	67	63	4	1.05	0.26	1	1.05
Raleigh 6N	84	40	62			0.07	0.00	1	0.18
Tylertown 5ESE	85	49	68	66	2	0.20	-0.67	1	0.50
Extreme/Average	88	40	66	64	2	0.31	-0.47	1	0.39
<b>Southeast</b>									
Hattiesburg	86	50	69	65	4	0.00	-0.80	0	0.08
Laurel	86	44	65	63	2	0.03	-0.67	1	0.55
Newton Exp Stn	88	38	63	61	2	0.08	-0.72	1	0.53
Waynesboro 2W	86	41	65	62	3	0.00	-0.63	0	0.38
Extreme/Average	88	38	66	63	3	0.03	-0.69	1	0.39
<b>State</b>	88	36	66	62	4	0.23	-0.55	1	0.59

DFN = Departure from Normal.